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MEMORANDUM FOR:

1. In an effort to keep you informed on matters concerning our program, I have the following announcement to make which should be brought to the attention of those personnel within your facility who are knowledgeable of our prime vehicle.

2. This Headquarters has approved a vehicle photo release by NACA which should appear in various trade magazines within a matter of weeks.

3. Such a release does not, in any way, indicate a relaxed attitude on the overall security of our program. It is, however, an effort on our part to relieve pressure directed upon NACA, by various trade magazines, thus removing an ever increasing air of mystery surrounding the vehicle.

4. Every effort has been made to select a view which does not reveal a capability beyond that which has been admitted in previous public announcements. Also, the view does not reveal any features which have not been reported in trade papers as a result of their own observations or observations reported by their respective readers.

5. It is our desire that you inform those of your employees who have seen or are knowledgeable of the prime vehicle that they should continue to refrain from discussing the vehicle, its capability or unusual features.

6. Security continues to be of paramount interest and concern to this Headquarters, therefore, we request your full and complete cooperation in the handling of the above. We would also be pleased to receive any local reaction observed by you as a result of this release. This will enable us to monitor the effect of not only this but our previous public announcements.

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